institutions and urged the State Governments to apprehend the culprits quickly so that the guilty, irrespective of who they are, could be brought to book.

Chhatisingpura Massacre

383. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of Sikh families in the Valley before Chhatisingpura massacre;

(b) how many Sikh families have since migrated from the Valley;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to rehabilitate them; and

(d) what is the social scenario like in Chhatisingpura today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Census was not conducted in Jammu & Kashmir in 1991 due to disturbed conditions prevailing there. As per 1981 census the population of Sikhs in J&K stood at 1,33,675 of which 33,177 belonged to the six districts of the Kashmir Valley.

(b) to (d) Only a few Sikh families living in the Valley may have temporarily migrated to Jammu. No Sikh family has disposed off land or other property as per information available with us. Deployment of Security Forces in areas inhabited by the Sikh and assurances by the State Government/Muslim leaders have instilled confidence in the community.

Amendments to the Official Secrets Act

384. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Official Secrets Act of the British days; and

(b) if so, the lines on which it is sought to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.